

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CE-03-07BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EUGENE BLM DISTRICT
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

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Randy Dreiling dba Oregon Adventures

Background:

Randy Dreiling has applied for a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) to hold several bicycle tours on paved and rocky BLM, Forest Service, Lane County, and Douglas County roads between May 1, 2005, through November 15, 2007. The tours are described on his website (www.oregon-adventures.com). Tour routes would utilize either the contiguous route identified on the application map from Oakridge through Reedsport, or segments of that route.

Proposed Action:

The proposed tours would occur within Lane and Douglas Counties. Forest Service Roads to be used are road numbers 2102, 2143, 2151, 2197, and 1721. Lane County roads to be used are: Cottage Grove/Lorane Highway, Wolf Creek, Siuslaw River, and Territorial. The Smith River road would be used in Douglas County. Roads and trails controlled by the Eugene District that would be used are Row River Trail and Road Numbers 19-7-25.1 and 20-7-8.2 (Oxbow Road). BLM controlled roads within the Coos Bay District are: Road Numbers 20-8-17, and 20-11-36 (Smith River Road). Since most tours are in Lane County, the BLM Eugene District is handling the permit in coordination with the BLM Coos Bay staff. The applicant would not be using any BLM facilities, off road trails, or dirt routes on BLM lands. The BLM would require certain stipulations for the permit. Refer to SRP file number, OR-095-05-01 for these stipulations.

Decision:

It is my decision to approve the Proposed Action to permit these tours.

Rationale:

The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in the National Environmental Policy Act Handbook H-1790, Appendixes, Part A - Departmental Categorical Exclusions, 516 DM 6, Appendix 5, Section H, Other (5) which states, "Issuance of special recreation permits to individuals or organized groups for search and rescue training, or orienteering or similar activities, and for dog trials, endurance horse races or similar minor events." The Proposed Action does not meet any of the exception criteria and therefore an Environmental Assessment (EA) is not necessary.

Prepared By: /s/ Sandra Miles
Recreation Planner

Date: 11/1/04

Approved By: /s/ Steven Calish
Field Manager, Siuslaw R.A.

Date: 11/1/04

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Exception Criteria Review Checklist

Proposed Action: The Proposed Action is the issuance of a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) authorizing several bicycle tours occurring between May 1st through November 15th, for three years starting in 2005. Tours would use portions of Lane and Douglas County roads (Cottage Grove/Lorane Highway, Territorial Hwy, Siuslaw Access Road, Wolf Creek Road, and Smith River Road), Forest Service Roads (numbers 2102, 2143, 2151, 2197, and 1721), BLM Row River Trail, Oxbow Road (19-7-25.1, 20-7-8.2), and Smith River Road (20-8-17 and 20-11-36).

Review the proposed action against each of the 10 criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and **MUST** be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the proposed action may not meet any of the criteria. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Exception Criteria		Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	* None
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, flood plains, etc.)	* None
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	* None
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	* None
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	* None
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	* None
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	* None
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	Fish – /s/ Leo Poole 10/28/04 No impacts (new) Botany - /s/ Molly Widmer 11/1/04 Wildlife - /s/ Dan Crannell for terrestrial species 10/28/04
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (flood plain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	* None
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Native American law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	* None
Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE: * See attached SRP OR095-05-01 Special Stipulations		

Reviewed By: /s/ Gary Hoppe
Environmental Coordinator

Date: 11/1/04

Above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Field Manager: /s/ Steven Calish

Date: 11/1/04